

Speaking topics & workshop factsheet

Lorene Edwards Forkner is a Seattle-based author, artist, and speaker who contributes to a weekly gardening column for The Seattle Times. She is a warm and engaging speaker who uses imagery and language to tell garden/life stories that inspire and inform audiences. Popular lecture topics include:

- **Seeing Color in the Garden** — *Focus and refresh*
Color is one of nature's most sophisticated tools engineered to capture the attention of all living creatures. Learn how to hone your perception, discover hidden hues, and cultivate an expansive view of the world around you. Color is powerful and delightful.
- **Gardening Matters** — *Saving the world, one backyard at a time*
Discover how gardens can be a seductive invitation to environmental stewardship and how tending a planet-friendly plot can turn gardeners into environmental superheroes.
- **Cultivating Delicious** — *10 secrets to getting the most out of your vegetable garden*
How to plan for plentiful and cultivate a constant harvest throughout the year.
- **A Handmade Garden** — *Create a personality-infused landscape*
Learn how to distill inspiration and personal history into a landscape that satisfies your aesthetics, hits the sweet spot of your garden dreams, and fits within your resources.

Topics are tailored to each engagement.

Digital presentations range from 45-60 minutes with additional time for Q&A and book signing. Host is responsible for providing technology platform (digital projector, screen, laptop, and appropriate cords and connections). Zoom is an option as well.

- **Seeing Color in the Garden WORKSHOP** — Using watercolors and working with plants and natural materials, participants will explore hidden hues and nuance. No previous experience is necessary—this isn't botanical illustration so much as an exercise in concentration and seeing with fresh eyes. (Workshop is an ideal companion to Color lecture, described above.)

Hands-on watercolor workshops are about 2 hours long. Workshops limited to 20 participants per session (option to book more than 1 session in a single day). \$100 materials charge for each workshop (\$5/person) includes all supplies.

Fees:

- Pacific Northwest venues within 200 miles of Seattle: \$750 + mileage and lodging if appropriate
- Other venues requiring air travel: \$1,000 plus travel and lodging.

If you're working with a limited budget, let's get creative. Lorene is open to tailoring her presentation to your group's budget, when possible.

To inquire about availability, email Lorene@ahandmadegarden.com.